

## **E-COMMERCE CONSUMABLES**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A consumable article includes a consumable item and a memory device. The memory  
device is organized to represent currency. Use of the consumable item causes the memory  
device to be reorganized. The consumable article is used in an apparatus that has a control  
circuit that can update the memory device to modify the amount of currency when the apparatus  
consumes the consumable item. The apparatus optionally includes a network interface coupled  
10 to the control circuit that interfaces to a clearinghouse for reconciling the amount of currency  
and use of the consumable item.